



## HAMILTON DENOUNCES INSURANCE TRUSTEES

### REPORT OF HOUSE RATE MEASURE BY TILLMAN

**Firey Senator From South Carolina Makes Report to Senate--Says Nation is Tired of Corporate Rule and Demands Change.**

### ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH IS DANGEROUS

**COMMENTS ON GREAT EARNINGS OF RAILROADS AND THEIR CONSEQUENT POWER--BUILDING UP OF GREAT FORTUNES AND THE VAST ACCUMULATIONS OF WEALTH DEFINED AS A MENACE TO LIBERTY.**

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Senate today continued its consideration of the railroad rate question by listening to the reading of a report on that measure by Tillman's. Tillman's report was read at the request of Aldrich, who said he was curious to hear South Carolina's opinion.

The report embodied the first clear and concise statement of the differences concerning court review features and other proposed amendments that had made a unanimous report of the committee impossible.

Without hesitancy the Senator declared it to be his belief that the bill should be amended, but that amendments should not be of a character to impair or prevent the accomplishment of the objects of the legislation, which are set forth best, he says in the President's message to Congress. He emphasized the need of regarding the measure as non-partisan, but predicted that the issue created will be paramount in the next Presidential election. As to this effect he said:

#### Predicts Flood of Popular Wrath.

"Those who are responsible for delay or inadequate legislation will find that when at last the floodgates of popular wrath and indignation are loosed there will be some fine grunting done."

Tillman prefaced his report by speaking of the peculiar circumstances ruling the committee's action on the House bill, which made it an embarrassing task to submit views that would be concurred in by the committee as a whole. Commenting upon the absence of harmony in the committee's deliberations, the report says:

#### Party Lines Broken Down.

"Instead of being amended in committee, as is usual, so as to command as a whole the indorsement and support of a majority of its members, the bill was brought into the Senate in a form not entirely satisfactory to more than two members. Party lines in the committee were broken down, and the bill is in the hands of the Senate by reason of the

union of five members of the minority party and three members of the majority in Congress, who concurred in reporting it favorably; and while these eight Senators are agreed as to the general purpose and scope of the bill, there are radical differences among them as to the amendments that ought to be incorporated in it."

#### House Bill Loosely Made.

The bill as it came from the House, Tillman characterized as loosely worded and capable of different interpretations. In thus commenting upon the bill Tillman said he can claim to give expression to no opinion except his own. The object sought, he added, best can be outlined in the language of the President in his last annual message to Congress and from this the Senator quoted extensively.

After enumerating the essential changes from the existing laws regarding inter-state commerce, he stated that the most important is found in section 15, in which power is sought to be vested in the Inter-State Commerce Commission. "After full hearing upon a complaint made to determine and prescribe what will in its judgment be deemed just and reasonable and fairly remunerative rates," too he thereafter observed in such cases as the maximum to be charged and "to make an order that the same shall go into effect and remain in force for three years, which order shall go into effect 30 days after notice to the carrier and shall be in force and be observed by the carrier, unless the same shall be suspended or modified or set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction."

#### Tremendous Business of Railroads.

Commenting on the gross earning and the net earnings of railroads properties, Tillman said that once a year every dollar in the United States passes through the hands of the railroads and every three years becomes a part of their net earnings. He asked if it is any wonder that the railroads have the most brilliant legal minds at their command

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#### LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI.

MANILA, March 15.—The battleship Ohio, flagship of Rear Admiral Train, in command of the American fleet on the Asiatic station, will leave here for Shanghai on Sunday, March 18th, to join the cruisers Raleigh and Cincinnati. The battleship Wisconsin is now at Olongapo.

#### FEARED TO BE LOST.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 15.—Since the British schooner Carrie Easlen sailed from Cansor for Halifax three weeks ago, nothing has been heard from her. As Cansor is but 130 miles from Halifax marine interests are at a loss to account for the delay in her arrival.

#### DEPEW IS ILL.

CHICAGO, March 15.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says:

Senator Platt for the first time, virtually admitted that his colleague, Senator Depew, is ill and unable to attend his official duties. He declined to discuss the nature of Mr. Depew's illness or comment in any way on its cause, but he said his colleague is at his residence in New York and really a sick man. Senator Platt does not expect him to resume his duties in the Senate at this session.

#### TAFT MAKING DECISION.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Secretary of War Taft was in conference today with three of his brothers and with several intimate friends. It is believed that the matter of the Secretary's decision as to going on the bench of the Supreme Court was considered but if a decision was reached no announcement will be made for several days yet.

#### WRITS GRANTED.

BOISE, March 15.—U. S. District Judge Beatty this afternoon granted the alternative writs of habeas corpus petitioned for by the attorneys for Moyer and his associates. The writs are returnable on Monday when the matter will be argued and submitted.

## CLOSE TO DEATH CHARGE DISMISSED

**Man Strikes Bomb With Pick and Lives.**

### DYNAMITE WAS FROZEN HARD MUST FACE ANOTHER CHARGE

**Wallace, Idaho, Thrown Into Great Excitement by Discovery of Bomb Back of Fire Station—Man Strikes Bomb With Pick.**

SPOKANE, March 15.—Following the attempt three weeks ago to blow up the Standard Mill near Wallace, an infernal machine containing over thirty pounds of dynamite was found this morning on the ice on the south fork of the Coeur d'Alene river, back of the fire station and in the very heart of Wallace. The finding of the infernal machine which contained enough explosive to send hundreds to death, has set Wallace in wild excitement. The bomb was discovered by William Schullenberg, a member of the fire department while clearing away the ice in the stream behind the fire station to allow the refuse to be carried away. Schullenberg dealt the bomb five blows with a pick before he discovered what it was. The dynamite failed to explode because it was frozen, to which fact Schullenberg owes his life.

#### BOLD HOLDUP.

GREAT FALLS, March 15.—A Kalispell special to the Tribune reports the loss of \$8000 by the O'Brien Lumber Company at the hands of highwaymen. John Peterson, a trusted employee, was carrying the money from Kalispell to Tomers. Near the mill he was stopped by three men, one of whom held a gun to Peterson's head, while the second held the horses and a third secured the money. There is no clue so far.

#### TACOMA FIRE.

TACOMA, March 15.—Five tonight in the Rochester Hotel, occupied by many prominent citizens, and families, created considerable anxiety for a time. No one was injured however. The loss was \$10,000.

**Idaho Authorities Drop Case Against Vincent St. John**

**Grand Jury Returns No Indictment Against St. John in Steunenberg Case—When Released, Arrested and Taken to Colorado.**

BOISE, March 15.—Vincent St. John, arrested at Burke, on the charge of complicity in the Steunenberg murder, is on his way to Colorado tonight in charge of Sheriff Rutan and Deputy Meldrum of Montrose county. The Idaho case against him was called in the justice court at Caldwell this morning and continued until tomorrow afternoon to wait the action of the grand jury which was considering charges against him. At two o'clock this afternoon the grand jury returned no indictment and the Idaho case was dismissed by the justice of the peace at a special court and the officers promptly arrested St. John on an extradition warrant issued by Governor Gooding. Sheriff Nicholas at once turned him over to the Colorado officers who left with him at 4:40 this afternoon. The charge upon which the extradition was granted is for murder committed during the labor troubles in Colorado when he was president of the Territorial Miners' Union.

Orchard was arraigned this afternoon. When asked if he desired counsel he replied in the negative. The court however, appointed G. B. Cox and E. L. Bryan of Payette. Later Orchard was asked to plead and said he had no plea to make. The court therefore ordered a plea of not guilty to be entered. No time was fixed for the trial.

#### Attorneys Surprised.

SALT LAKE, March 15.—A special to the Herald from Boise says:

The arrest of St. John on the Colorado requisition took the attorneys for the defense completely by surprise. Justice Stovel convened court this afternoon for the specific purpose of dismissing the case against St. John and without notice to the defendant's attorneys.

**Appears Before Insurance Investigating Committee At Albany and Pours Forth Flood of Inveictive Against Members of Board of Trustees.**

### FORMER COLLEAGUES CALLED "YELLOW DOGS"

**HAMILTON'S SPEECH CAUSES GREAT SENSATION AMONG AUDITORS SOME OF WHOM ARE INCLUDED IN DENUNCIATION--TRUSTEES ARE CHARACTERIZED AS "TRAITORS, YELLOW DOGS AND CURS"**

ALBANY, March 15.—Andrew Hamilton appeared before the insurance investigating committee this afternoon and broke his long silence which he has maintained except for the statement brought back from Paris by John C. McCall. It would be difficult to exaggerate the sensation produced by his unexpected appearance and by his speech or the intensely dramatic character of the whole episode. With his face flushed and his voice trembling with passion, his arms upraised and his fists clenched, Hamilton poured forth a flood of denunciation and invective upon the members of the board of trustees of the New York Life, several of whom were present, designating them as curs and traitors and paying special attention to one, unnamed, whom he described as the "Pecksniff of three administrations, and the confidant of the Beers scandal and the author of the Beers pension—who rotates through one administration and another and thinks he is going to be the indispensable member of yet another."

"And do you think," demanded Hamilton, "that man who held the same relation to Beers that I did to McCall could sit thirteen years and not know how expenditures that were made, were disbursed. Yet he and such like him, sit, not judging me as peers, but judging me as conquerors; talk about 'Yellow dogs'!"

#### Mentions McCall.

The only name he mentioned was that of McCall, in reference to whom and to whose death he displayed marked emotion. He spoke of McCall as a victim, and as having been shouldered with the blame. "The only one the dead man killed, that they drove to his grave and deserted!" He declared unequivocally every payment made to himself by the New York Life was made with the knowledge and approval of the trustees, and especially the finance and auditing committees and when they say that they do not know what is going on, it excites his

laughter and derision. He declared again and again that the payments were proper and he had no apology to make for himself or McCall.

#### Crowd Applauds.

The first applause that broke out from the great crowd which filled the chamber as soon as it was known that Hamilton was present, broke out with a roar of laughter after a reference to the enthusiasm with which he said his victories were received by the officials of the company.

"They would come and pat me on the back," he said with a bitter sneer, "these men that do not know me now; they would come and pat me on the back and say, 'You did it!'"

#### Great Applause.

A storm of applause followed his scathing reference to the "Yellow dog" as the dog of courage and loyalty. "But the curs who stood around this funeral that has occurred, the curs who knew of these transactions and shrunk into their shoes—they are curs,—and that is the reason I come before you and say the great interest of two billion dollars of life insurance and the four hundred million dollars of assets can never be entrusted to the hands and administration of a lot of curs!"

This was the ostensible purpose of Hamilton's appearance before the committee—to advocate the pending bill of the committee which would legislate the present boards out of office and provide for a complete re-organization next November.

#### NO PLOT AGAINST PARKHURST.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The alleged plot to assassinate Parkhurst is a hoax, according to a confession today by Lawrence Rogers, the man who told the story upon which the investigation of the alleged plot was made. Rogers made his confession today before Magistrate Wahl. He was promptly arrested and held for the grand jury on a charge of perjury.

## PORTLAND COUNCIL GRANTS FRONT STREET FRANCHISE

POTLAND, March 15.—The city council tonight granted the United Railway company by an almost unanimous vote, a franchise along Front street in this city. The franchise which is the most valuable ever granted in this city, permits the building of a trunk line con-

necting the depots in the north end of the city with those on the south end. The action ends a contest between the United and the Willamette Traction Company which for stubbornness has been hitherto unequalled in the history of Portland.

## SENATE TO CONSIDER BILL FOR CANAL REGULATION

WASHINGTON, March 15.—With the type of Isthmian canal and the method of construction yet undetermined, the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals has under consideration a bill to provide for a government canal zone and

other matters subject to legislative control. The draft of the bill was prepared by Kittredge and is very similar to the one he offered a year ago which failed to pass because of a controversy over the size and personnel of the canal commission.